

Mr. BILBRAY. As somebody who grew up on the border, the absurdity of the way local governments are required to handle these situations, to give you an example, you have the mother of a person born here in the United States, but she is an illegal alien. She will get the check for that child. But the law says that while she is here in the United States, she cannot work and she cannot spend one cent of that money on herself.

Then we wonder why the studies in Los Angeles show that over 70 percent of the recipients that are receiving welfare checks that are illegal aliens are committing welfare fraud. It is because the law is absurd, and I want to point this out.

I think the one thing we do is, we focus on the illegal alien issue or the immigrant issue. It is the absurdity of the rules we make in Washington and that they do not apply in the real world. This is a situation where we may be called mean-spirited, but the fact in Washington is stupid and it is irresponsible. We need to change these things and do something that is maybe a little radical to somebody, and that is do the reasonable thing in Washington, so those of us in California and Arizona and Georgia and across this country can do the reasonable thing.

Mr. HAYWORTH. Reclaiming my time, what is radical within this beltway is reasonable to the people of the United States. I thank my good friend from California for mentioning that fact, and I thank my friend from Georgia for offering real-life experiences of his constituents and the challenges they face.

Indeed, Mr. Speaker, that brings me back to H.R. 2727, the Congressional Responsibility Act, which I sponsor, which simply again redesignates and reemphasizes what Article I, Section 1 of our Constitution says: All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 272 does not outlaw executive agencies enacted by this very Congress which now exist within the executive branch. All it does is say that all of those proposed regulations, before they become in essence law published in the Federal Register, should come here to the Congress of the United States in expedited fashion for an up or down vote.

Now, the government experts say, "My goodness, that would require too much time on the part of the Congress of the United States." But, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, as has been my honor on several occasions of preside as Speaker Pro Tem of this house, I have presided on at least two occasions where this body was engaged in largely ceremonial debate for a ceremonial vote to name Federal installations after noteworthy Americans. Now, I do not criticize that process, but instead I ask this simple question, Mr. Speaker: If this Congress, in the wake of over the last year having cast more votes than any other Congress before it, still

can find the time to expend hours of its energy on largely ceremonial votes, cannot this same Congress take the time to fulfill its constitutional obligation as stated in Article I, Section 1 of the sacred document we call the Constitution of the United States?

Mr. Speaker, it is about this: Reclaiming this government for the American people. As my friend from California pointed out earlier, it is nothing radical; instead, it is reasonable. Indeed, the only way it can be called extreme is in the fashion of making extremely good sense.

Let me yield to my friend from Georgia.

Mr. KINGSTON. I wanted to get back to the gentleman's statement and also Mr. BILBRAY's. He said the Washington bureaucracy is stupid and irresponsible. I do not think anybody paying taxes back home would disagree with that. It is also inefficient.

What really happens, though, I know there are a lot of good people involved in government, elected and unelected. A lot of good folks are called bureaucrats. But you know what I think of having been around a lot of teenagers? I know a lot of teenagers who individually are fine folks, but when you get a pack of them in your living room or a pack of them in your kitchen, strange things happen and all those individual good people turn out to do some pretty stupid things as a pack.

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That is what happens in Washington. These folks need to go back home so they can continue to be good folks, because when they get together the association causes some real inefficient and irresponsible results.

Mr. HAYWORTH. Reclaiming my time, Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman, who fast approaches his 45th birthday tomorrow, and again provides the wisdom of his age in the interaction of the teenagers in his household.

Mr. Speaker, I simply thank my good friend, the gentleman from California [Mr. BILBRAY] and my good friend, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. KINGSTON], who joined us during our special hour.

Mr. Speaker, it is all about this document, the Constitution of the United States, and people being free to decide what is best for themselves and their families, instead of relinquishing that power to a centralized authority in Washington, DC.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today and the balance of the week, on account of official business.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of personal reasons.

Mr. FIELDS of Texas (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for April 17, on account of a death in the family.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DOGGETT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. MCKINNEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MINGE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DICKEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, on April 24.

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes each day, on today and April 24.

Mr. RADANOVICH, for 5 minutes, on April 24.

Mr. COX of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HUNTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KASICH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MARKEY, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following members (at the request of Mr. DOGGETT) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. MANTON.

Mr. UNDERWOOD.

Mr. FAZIO of California.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. MILLER of California.

Mrs. KENNELLY.

Mr. LANTOS in two instances.

Ms. MCCARTHY.

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.

Mr. LIPINSKI in three instances.

Mrs. THURMAN.

Mr. DELLUMS in two instances.

Mr. TORRES.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. SCHUMER.

Mr. HOYER in two instances.

Mr. BONIOR

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DICKEY) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. CRANE.

Mr. BACHUS.

Mr. WICKER.

Mr. ZIMMER.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

Mr. GILMAN.

Mr. BEREUTER.

Mr. DAVIS.

Mr. NETHERCUTT.

Mr. WOLF.

Mr. BAKER of California.

Mr. PORTER.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HAYWORTH) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. COOLEY of Oregon.
Mr. FRAZER.
Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ.
Mr. GILCHREST.
Mr. GILLMOR.
Mr. PALLONE.
Mr. TEJEDA.
Mr. STUMP.
Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.
Mr. STOKES in two instances.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 24, 1996, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2435. A letter from the Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting notification that the Department of the Navy intends to offer transfers by grant of two vessels to the Government of Greece, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 7307(b)(2); to the Committee on National Security.

2436. A letter from the Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting notification that the Department of the Navy intends to offer transfer by grant of one vessel to the Government of Portugal, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 7307(b)(2); to the Committee on National Security.

2437. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Maritime Administration Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997," pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on National Security.

2438. A letter from the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting the Department's final rule—Uniform Rules of Practice and Procedure (RIN: 1557-AB43), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2439. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting notice of final schedule of arbitration fees and expenses—Vending Facility Program for the Blind on Federal and Other Property, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(d)(1); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

2440. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Title I, Part C—Education of Migratory Children (RIN: 1830-ZA03), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

2441. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's report on the notice of selection criteria, selection procedures, and application procedures for challenge grants for technology in education, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

2442. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's re-

port on the notice of final funding priorities for Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Program, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

2443. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's report on the notice of final funding priorities for Fund for the Improvement of Education Program, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

2444. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

2445. A letter from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting the list of all reports issued or released in March 1996, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 719(h); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2446. A letter from the Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2447. A letter from the Chairman, National Capital Planning Commission, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2448. A letter from the Chairman, National Capital Planning Commission, transmitting the 1995 annual report in compliance with the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988, pursuant to Public Law 100-504, section 104(a) (102 Stat. 2525); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2449. A letter from the Executive Director, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2450. A letter from the President and CEO, U.S. Enrichment Corporation, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2451. A letter from the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting list of reports pursuant to clause 2, rule III of the Rules of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Rule III, clause 2, of the Rules of the House (H. Doc. No. 104-199); to the Committee on House Oversight and ordered to be printed.

2452. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Electronic Filing of International Air Passenger Service Rules (RIN: 2105-AC23), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2453. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medals of Honor (RIN: 2105-AC41), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2454. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Security Information (RIN: 2105-AC40), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2455. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Use of the Official Seal (RIN: 2105-AC39), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2456. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Staff Assignments and Review of Actions Under Assignments (RIN: 2105-AC38), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2457. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Release of Internal Staff Memoranda Relating to Public Meetings of the Civil Aeronautics Board (RIN: 2105-AC42), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2458. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Aviation Economic Rules: Correcting Obsolete References (RIN: 2105-AC46), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2459. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revenue Procedure 96-30, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2460. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting the Department's report to Congress on the number of training waivers issued under section 231(c)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 to workers determined eligible for trade readjustment allowances [TRA], pursuant to section 231(c)(3) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2461. A letter from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting the Board's sixth annual report to Congress on health and safety activities; jointly, to the Committees on National Security and Commerce.

2462. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting the Office's 1995 annual consumer report to Congress, pursuant to public Law 101-73, Section 301, (103 Stat. 279); jointly, to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services and Commerce.

2463. A letter from the Physician Payment Review Commission, transmitting the Commission's 1996 annual report, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395w-1(c)(1)(D); jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

2464. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Water Resources Development Act of 1996"; jointly, to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Resources, Commerce, and Banking and Financial Services.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 2024. A bill to phase out the use of mercury in batteries and provide for the efficient and cost-effective collection and recycling or proper disposal of used nickel cadmium batteries, small sealed lead-acid batteries, and certain other batteries, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 104-530). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 1823. A bill to amend the